

HOUSE No. 320

By Mr. O'Brien of Kingston, petition of Thomas J. O'Brien and others for legislation to further regulate group insurance benefits for employees of the Commonwealth and retired state employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING GROUP INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES AND RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 5 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by
3 striking out in the lines 1, 2, 24, and 25, the word “five”, and
4 inserting in place thereof, in each instance, the word:— ten

1 SECTION 2. Section 6 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is
2 hereby amended by striking out the first sentence and inserting in
3 place thereof the following sentence:— The amount of group life
4 insurance on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars, and the
5 amount of group accidental death and dismemberment insurance
6 on each employee shall be ten thousand dollars, except that those
7 employees desiring to elect optional coverage in excess of ten
8 thousand dollars group life insurance and ten thousand dollars
9 group accidental death and dismemberment insurance may do so
10 as approved in section ten A.

1 SECTION 3. The first paragraph of section 10 of said chap-
2 ter 32A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out the

3 first sentence and inserting in place thereof the following sen-
4 tence:— The commission shall require that, upon retirement of an
5 employee, the policy or policies of insurance as set forth in
6 section six, except the optional group life insurance referred to
7 therein, shall provide that the ten thousand dollars of group life
8 insurance, the ten thousand dollars of group accidental death and
9 dismemberment insurance and the group general or blanket insur-
10 ance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health
11 insurance, as provided under sections five and ten C, as may be
12 applicable, shall be continued, provided said retiree makes appli-
13 cation to the commission on a form prescribed by the rules and
14 regulations of the commission.